

and Percy were nowhere to be seen. Our General Currie visited formations under all circumstances. So did my recent boss—Brigadier General "Jack" Seely.

I can report here that if all orders and "suggestions" were heeded, there would have been no Canadian Motors to return home to VERDREL.

On the 25th, Captain Nicholson, M.C., with his Battery, moved to assist the 7th Corps at CLERY, on the west bank of the Somme. "Billy" Nicholson was wounded losing an arm. He became a stout supporter of the Canadian Legion. For his work he won a D.S.O., and his Battery Sergeant-Major the D.C.M. Others of his Battery the M.M.

Army "Operations" ordered a "no withdrawal" from the Somme. Bridges had been destroyed. It was startling how a staff officer could pop up from nowhere. And equally startling how quickly he could vanish into thin air.

Still the 25th, Captain Holland, M.C., held back the enemy for some time at CORBIE. He was to be killed 3 days later.

On the 26th, hordes of jubilant Germans crossed the Somme on pontoon bridges. On they came — seemingly heading for the Channel Ports, BOULOGNE, CALAIS, maybe DOVER, across the English Channel. But, as the saying goes: "Thank God for the Navy".

On the 28th, the Motors Rear H.Q. was moved from VILLERS BRETONNEAUX to HEBECOURT near AMIENS. AMIENS was bustling at the seams with confusion. There was mighty little left

to stop the capture of VILLERS BRETONNEAUX with its lovely homes, gardens, aviaries and the rest. I never did get around to see what happened to the ostriches. The town was the residential part of AMIENS.

Rumours became more plentiful. A choice one was that a brand new French Army was moving up! There was no such Army. No relief was in sight — yet.

The Motors carried on. The 27th saw Captain Holland, M.C. and Lieutenants Lynch and Green delaying the enemy's advance at MARICOURT and BRAY in the centre of the Army Front. The Germans were now coming on in marching formations with bands even. What targets! Made to order for the Motors. It was at BRAY that Lieutenant Black, M.C., spotted some Germans on horseback. Were the Cavalry coming? Youthful, and always happy "Lyman", met no Cavalry. Germany at this time had no Cavalry and no armoured cars.

This day Captain Holland, M.C., was killed. His armoured car became surrounded, the Germans finishing him and two gun crews with hand grenades.

The next day (29th) Captains Mcurling and Harkness, Lieutenants Lynch, Green, Black, M.C., Trenmouth, Thomson and Samuels, all continued to harass and delay the enemy's advance. Major Battersby, M.C., took over an armoured car and fought until he was killed. It was a sad loss.

Now, "Carey's Force" came into being. Commanded by a Brigadier General Carey, the outfit